

THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE PROPOSED FY' 2009-2010 COUNTY BUDGET AND THE PROPOSED TAX LEVY ON MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2009 @ 7:00 P.M. IN THE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL WEST GYMNASIUM:

THERE WERE PRESENT: Charles Wagner, Chairman  
Wayne Angell, Vice-Chairman  
Leland Mitchell  
David Hurt  
David Cundiff  
Russ Johnson  
Bobby Thompson


OTHERS PRESENT: Richard E. Huff, II, County Administrator  
Larry Moore, Asst. County Administrator  
Christopher L. Whitlow, Asst. County Administrator  
Sharon K. Tudor, CMC, Clerk

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Chairman Charles Wagner called the meeting to order.

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Richard E. Huff, II, County Administrator, presented a handout of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2009-2010 and the following PowerPoint presentation as follows:




## FY2010 Budget Public Hearing

April 20, 2009

### Revenue Picture

- Local Revenues are projected to be **\$2.53 million less** in FY 2010 than FY 2009
- Local shortfall is equivalent to 3.5¢ on RE rate (would need 3.5¢ increase to get back to level funding)
- General Fund Revenues are down **4.1%** in FY 2010 (in contrast to state assumptions that theirs will increase 4%)
- State Revenues are down **3.51%**
- Federal Stimulus Money is available for 2 years at best, possibly 1 year depending on state actions



# Budget

- Total Budget for FY 2010 is **\$123,871,485**, a **\$3,027,454** reduction from FY 2009
- Reductions have been made in almost all cost centers to absorb these reduced revenues plus fund two major initiatives:
  - Opening of Windy Gap Elementary School requiring **\$1.2 million** new money
  - Opening of the Western Virginia Regional Jail requiring **\$1.0 million** new money



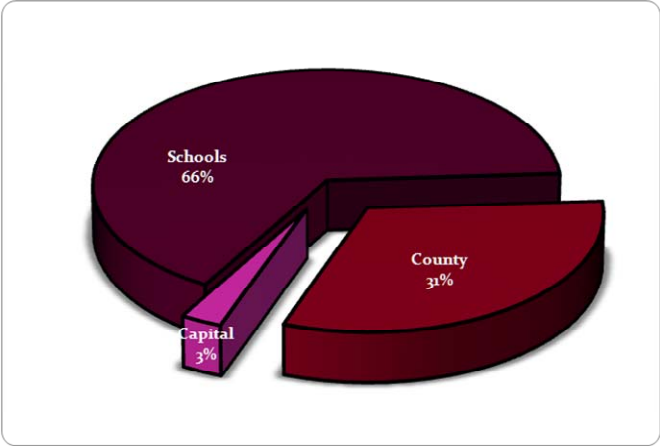
# Budget

- **Schools** represent **66%** of the total budget in the FY 2010 budget, while **Public Safety** represents **10%**, and **Health & Welfare** **9%**
- Bottom Line Total Budget Will Decrease 2.39%
- Salary & Benefits Frozen for all Employees



# Schools

- Total School funding represents **\$81,424,672** for FY2010

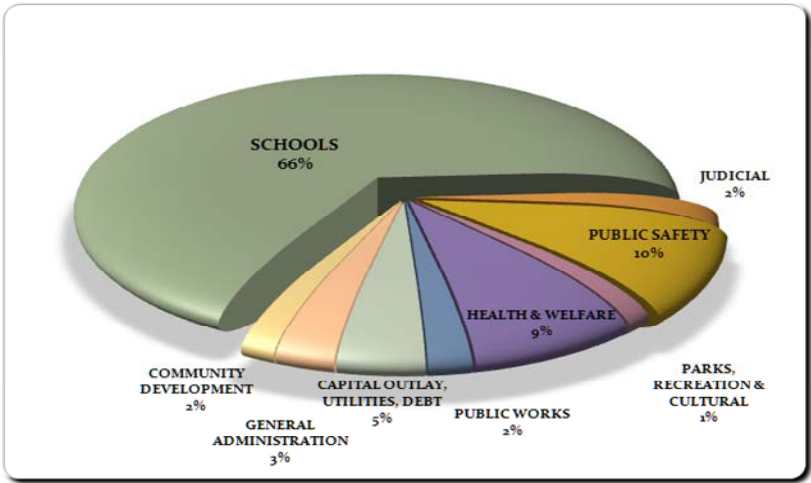


# Schools

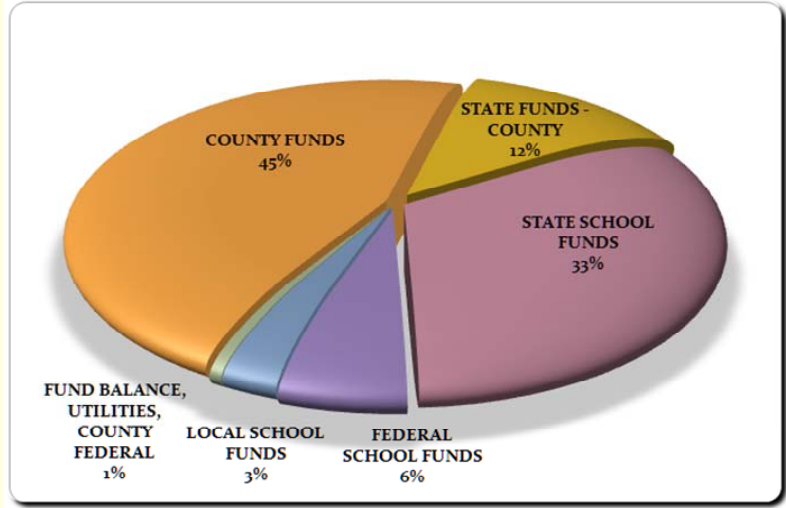
- Local School Funding will decrease by 1.34% over current year
  - Windy Gap Elementary School Opening and Start Up Capital Funded - \$1,253,544
  - School Capital (CIP) Funded at Current Level - \$1,100,000
  - Portion of Local Revenue Shortfall Shared by Schools- (\$1,621,932)
- Net local support for the Schools from local funds equals a reduction of (\$368,388) or 1.34%
- Total reduction in School funding – \$3.1 million or 3.78% from current year levels when Windy Gap excluded



# Proposed FY 10 Expenditures



# Projected FY 10 Revenues



# Recommendations

- 1. Setting a tax levy of **\$ .46/\$100** of assessed value on **real estate**, public service corporation property, and mobile homes; pursuant to the authority of 58.1-3200, 58.1-3201, 58.1-3202, 58.1-3203, 58.1-3204, 58.1-3205 of the Code of Virginia, as amended.
- 2. Setting a tax levy of **\$1.89/\$100** of assessed value on **personal property**, pursuant to the authority of 58.1-3500, 58.1-3501, 58.1-3502, 58.1-3503, 58.1-3506 of the Code of Virginia, as amended.
- 3. Setting a tax levy of **\$0.60/\$100** assessed value on **machinery and tools** based on original cost and declining depreciation over a 7-year period. By the seventh year of depreciation, the effective rate is \$0.27 per \$100 assessed value. This rate is levied pursuant to the authority of 58.1-3507(B) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.
- 4. Setting a tax levy of **\$1.08/\$100** of assessed value on **merchants' capital**, pursuant to the authority of 58.1-3507, 58.1-3508, 58.1-3509, and 58.1-3510 of the Code of Virginia, as amended.



# Recommendations

	FY 2008-2009	FY 2009-2010	FY 2008-2009/2009-2010		PERCENT OF
	ADOPTED	PROPOSED	DIFFERENCE	% CHANGE	TOTAL
SCHOOLS	81,274,311	81,424,672	150,361	0.19%	65.73%
JUDICIAL	2,522,904	2,611,872	88,968	3.53%	2.11%
PUBLIC SAFETY	11,912,253	12,673,336	761,083	6.39%	10.23%
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL	1,867,065	1,816,886	-50,169	-2.69%	1.47%
HEALTH & WELFARE	11,102,468	10,871,595	-230,873	-2.08%	8.78%
PUBLIC WORKS	2,891,209	2,794,228	-96,981	-3.35%	2.26%
CAPITAL OUTLAY, UTILITIES, DEBT	8,482,830	6,560,721	-2,922,109	-34.45%	4.49%
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	4,108,704	3,823,114	-285,590	-6.95%	3.09%
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	2,737,205	2,285,061	-442,144	-16.15%	1.85%
TOTALS	126,898,939	123,871,485	-3,027,454	-2.39%	100.00%



## BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

In Accordance with Sections 15.2-2503 and 15.2-2506 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, on ***Monday, April 20, 2009, at approximately 7:00 P.M.*** or soon thereafter the Franklin County Board of Supervisors will conduct a hearing on the proposed 2009-2010 County budget in the Benjamin Franklin Middle School East Auditorium, Rocky Mount, Virginia.

On ***Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at approximately 6:00 P. M.***, the Board will meet in the Franklin County Board of Supervisors Meeting Room in the Courthouse to consider the adoption of the 2009-2010 budget and to set the appropriate levies subject to local taxation. The following synopsis of the budget is provided for fiscal planning purposes only. No entry in the budget constitutes an obligation on the part of the County until such funds are appropriated by the Franklin County Board of Supervisors.

### SYNOPSIS OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010

<u>Expenditure Function</u>	<u>Proposed Expenditures</u>	<u>Percent of Budget</u>
General and Financial Administration	\$3,823,114	3.0%
Judicial System	2,611,872	2.1%
Public Safety	12,673,336	10.2%
Public Works	2,794,228	2.3%
Health and Welfare	10,871,595	8.8%
Schools	81,424,672	65.7%
Recreation and Cultural	1,816,886	1.5%

Community Development	2,295,061	1.9%
Debt Service	1,197,105	1.0%
Non-Departmental	265,000	0.2%
Capital Outlay	3,368,876	2.7%
Utilities	729,740	0.6%
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<u>123,871,485</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Transfers Between Funds	<u>35,539,123</u>	
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>\$159,410,608</u></u>	

<u>Revenue Function</u>	<u>Estimated Revenues</u>	<u>Percent of Budget</u>
County Funds	\$55,715,668	45.0%
State Funds – County	15,234,738	12.3%
State School Funds	40,918,853	33.0%
Federal School Funds	7,684,747	6.2%
Local School Funds	3,504,324	2.8%
Utilities, Fund Balance, Federal County	813,155	0.7%
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**THE CHAIRMAN OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING.**

**THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE SPOKE REGARDING THE PROPOSED BUDGET:**

Chairman Wagner recessed the meeting for the previously advertised public hearing on the proposed FY 2009-2010 Tax Levies and Proposed Real Estate Tax Increase as follows:

**THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE ADDRESSED THE BOARD REGARDING THE PROPOSED FY 2009-2010 COUNTY BUDGET:**

Helen Butler, Executive Director, Brain Injury of Virginia, requested level funding (\$1,000/annually).

Angela Hackett, a parent of a child with a brain injury stated what a real support the Brain Injury of Virginia has meant to her as a single mom.

Sarah Beach, requested the Board to fully fund the proposed school budget.

Cheryl Hardy, a para-professional working in the school system, stated the youth is the future of Franklin County and requested full funding for the schools.

Teri Robertson, Principal of Benjamin Franklin Middle School, stated “we need to stay the course in Franklin County” and urged the Board to fund the proposed school budget.

Lee Ann Worley, President, Franklin County Education Association, stated there was a real need for increased funding for schools. Mrs. Worley asked the Board to consider taking additional monies from the County’s fund balance to provide temporary assistance until the economy improves.

Steve Angel, Student Case Manager, Franklin County High School, and Mayor of Rocky Mount, requested the Board to consider using money from the County fund balance to assist with providing the School System more funding . Mr. Angle noted every significant reduction in funding for schools finds its way into instruction.

Robin A. Simms, urged the Board to support the proposed school budget.

Gerald Modaro, stated the budget should be adopted as presented with no additional funding provided to the School System. Further, Mr. Modaro stated there should be no withdraw of funds from the County’s general fund balance and that the Board of Supervisors and School Board should consider a future funding formula.

John Beach, stated the Boards should find a way to provide more funds for education in Franklin County.

Oscar Pagans, praised the school system, but did not see any way additional monies could be afforded to the school system at this time in our economy. Mr. Pagans stated he felt more businesses and jobs are needed before increases in funding should be granted..

Zach Truman, a FCHS and Governor’s School student urged the Board to fund the proposed school budget as presented.

Crystal Naff, advised the Board a classroom with 40 or more students in a classroom was too big for her child to sit in and learn.

Sarena Jones requested the Board to reconsider their position on the proposed school budget.

Jonte Craighead, advised the Board he hoped the Board would grant additional school funding and keep the Governor’s school so others could be afforded the opportunities as he had received.

Delia Heck, asked the Board to invest in our future by supporting the school budget and advocated to increase the County tax rate.

Dr. Charles Lackey, Superintendent of Schools, requested an additional \$1M in funding to help cover operating costs next year.

Public hearing was closed.  
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Chairman Wagner, recessed the meeting for the following public hearing previously advertised public hearing:

**COUNTY OF FRANKLIN**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**HEARING ON SETTING OF TAX LEVIES**

In accordance with Sections 15.2-1427 and 15.2-2507 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Franklin County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on ***Monday, April 20, 2009***, at approximately ***7:00 P. M.*** in the Benjamin Franklin Middle School West Gymnasium, Rocky Mount, Virginia.

**A HEARING TO SET TAX LEVIES FOR THE FOLLOWING  
CLASSES OF PROPERTY:**

1. Setting a tax levy of \$.46/\$100 of assessed value on real estate, public service corporation property, and mobile homes; pursuant to the authority of 58.1-3200, 58.1-3201, 58.1-3202, 58.1-3203, 58.1-3204, 58.1-3205 of the Code of Virginia, as amended.
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5. Interest at an annual rate of ten percent (10%) per annum shall be charged on any unpaid taxes commencing the first day of the first month following the due date of the unpaid taxes.
6. Setting the Personal Property Tax Relief percentage at 59.81%.

**THE FOLLOWING SPOKE REGARDING THE PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FY’ 2009-2010**  
Cheryl Handy noted more support for para-professionals and thanked Mr. Helm of the School

Board.  
Robin Simms noted she supported a tax increase.  
Delia Heck advocated for a tax increase.  
The public hearing was closed.

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Chairman Wagner adjourned the meeting.

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CHARLES WAGNER  
CHAIRMAN

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RICHARD E. HUFF, II  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR